(d) if so, how many such cases have been reported so far and action taken by Government to suspend the issue of ID cards to fishermen till the enquiry against the above firm is completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY) (a) and (b) Government of Gujarat have informed that 65153 Smart Cards have been issued to fishermen in Gujarat up to 31st July, 2005.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Korean Navy ships in Indian Ocean

3050. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Korean Navy ships have been seen in Indian Ocean along with the arms and ammunitions which the ships were likely to drop at the ports of Gujarat and Mumbai; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY) (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Funding by Overseas Fundamentalist Organisations

3051. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is unable to curb the funding by overseas fundamentalist organisations to terrorists/naxalites operating in India;whether Government have registered any case against such funding in India;

(b) the details on (a) and (b) above; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to contain such funding activities by foreign elements?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL) (a) to (d) Available inputs do not indicate naxalites receiving funds from overseas. However, there are reports to suggest that terrorist outfits operating in J&K and other parts of the country are getting foreign funds mainly through Hawala and other conduits/couriers.

The Central and States security/intelligence agencies and the departments concerned keep a close watch over the flow of funds from foreign based organizations. The modules busted in various parts of the country also include those involving hawala transactions and flow of funds to terrorists. As per available information, more than 20 persons have been arrested in this regard during 2004 and 2005 (upto June) for appropriate action under the relevant laws.

Development of Tourism in A&N Islands

3052. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Port Blair City Administration has entered with an agrement with Thailand's Phuket Beach Resort for development of tourism in Andaman and Nicobar Islands;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) which are the places/Islands that have been selected for development of tourism?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S REGUPATHY) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. The Port Blair City Administration has not entered with any agreement with Thailand's Phuket Beach Resort. However, the Port Blair Municipal Council have entered into an agreement with Phuket Province of Thailand to promote international understanding and strengthen the relationship through tourism, education, culture, urban development, commerce and investment.

(c) No particular place/island in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands has been selected for development of tourism under the aforesaid agreement.